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FUNDS TO ANDHRA PRADESH FOR POWER SECTOR REFORMS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for monetary assistance towards implementation of power sector reforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether this request is pending for a long time;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Andhra Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation had signed a MOU under APDRP recently;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the amount of grant and loan proposed to be released to Andhra Pradesh under the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The Government of Andhra Pradesh had approached the Union Government in January 2000 for a special assistance of Rs.1,000 crore (50% as grant and 50% as loan) to support the State Government's efforts in restructuring the power sector.

The Government of India has since launched the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) to assist the States in improving their sub-transmission/distribution and providing incentive linked grants to bridging gap between cost of supply and average revenue. During the year 2002-03 a budget provision of Rs.3500 crore has been made under APDRP scheme.

(e) to (g) : APTRANSCO entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry of Power on 29.5.2002 for implementing the APDRP in Andhra Pradesh. As per the memoranda of Agreement (MoA), the beneficiary State is required to agree to systematically improve its financial viability by benchmarking their performance and periodically monitoring the same. The existing benchmarks shall be compared with the expected level to be achieved within the agreed time frame. These benchmarks, inter- alia, apply to SEB/Utility level as well as Circle levels covering the following parameters:

- ? Input energy to circle Vs metered energy sale to consumers (energy billed on flat rate/assessed basis is not to be included).
- ? Transmission & Distribution losses in Million Units (MU) (flat rate sales and unmetered sales are not to be included)
- ? Gap between Average Revenue Realisation and Average Cost of Supply (ARR & ACS) per unit of energy (ARR - ACS) - Average revenue realization - ARR (Ratio of Gross Revenue sales in crores of Rupees And Nett Energy Input in MU) for entire state, ACS (Ratio of cost of supply (including generation cost, purchase and overhead cost) in crores of Rs. and Nett energy Input in MU for entire State).
- ? Productivity - Ratio of Metered energy sale to consumers and total Manpower strength in the circle (executives plus supervisors plus support staff).
- ? Billing cycle time (Period)
- ? Feeder outages (Numbers)
- ? Failure rate of Distribution Transformers (percentages)
- ? Consumer complaints (Numbers)
- ? Complaint disposal time (Period)
- ? High Tension/Low Tension ratio
- ? Average Load Factor on Distribution Transformers
- ? Average power factor.

During the year 2002-03, a total number of 98 schemes have been sanctioned under APDRP costing Rs.1476.51 Crores (of which the APDRP component is Rs.738.26 crores). An amount of Rs.39.07 crore has been released on 4th April, 2002.